



January 31, 2014

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## SENATE BILL No. 88

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DIGEST OF SB 88 (Updated January 30, 2014 9:04 am - DI 110)

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-36.

**Synopsis:** Mental health witnesses in criminal cases. Specifies who may be appointed as a mental health expert in a criminal case.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 7, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.

January 14, 2014, amended; reassigned to Committee on Judiciary.

January 23, 2014, reassigned to Committee on Public Policy.

January 30, 2014, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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January 31, 2014

Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 35-36-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 2. (a) At the trial of a  
3       criminal case in which the defendant intends to interpose the defense  
4       of insanity, evidence may be introduced to prove the defendant's sanity  
5       or insanity at the time at which the defendant is alleged to have  
6       committed the offense charged in the indictment or information.  
7       (b) When notice of an insanity defense is filed **in a case in which**  
8       **the state is not seeking a sentence of death or life imprisonment**  
9       **without parole**, the court shall appoint two (2) or three (3) competent  
10      disinterested:  
11          (1) psychiatrists;  
12          (2) psychologists endorsed by the state psychology board as  
13          health service providers in psychology; or  
14          (3) physicians;  
15      **who have expertise in determining insanity.**  
16      At least one (1) of ~~whom~~ **the individuals appointed under this**

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1 subsection must be a psychiatrist ~~to~~ or psychologist. The individuals  
 2 appointed under this subsection shall examine the defendant and ~~to~~  
 3 testify at the trial. This testimony shall follow the presentation of the  
 4 evidence for the prosecution and for the defense, including the  
 5 testimony of any ~~medical~~ mental health experts employed by the state  
 6 or by the defense.

7 (c) When notice of an insanity defense is filed in a case in which  
 8 the state is seeking a sentence of death or life imprisonment  
 9 without parole, the court shall appoint two (2) or three (3)  
 10 competent disinterested:

11 (1) psychiatrists;

12 (2) psychologists endorsed by the state psychology board as  
 13 health service providers in psychology; or

14 (3) physicians;

15 who have expertise in determining insanity. Not more than one (1)  
 16 individual appointed under this subsection may be a physician who  
 17 is not a psychiatrist or psychologist. The individuals appointed  
 18 under this subsection shall examine the defendant and testify at the  
 19 trial. This testimony must follow the presentation of the evidence  
 20 for the prosecution and for the defense, including the testimony of  
 21 any mental health experts employed by the state or by the defense.

22 (e) (d) If a defendant does not adequately communicate, participate,  
 23 and cooperate with the ~~medical~~ mental health witnesses appointed by  
 24 the court after being ordered to do so by the court, the defendant may  
 25 not present as evidence the testimony of any other ~~medical~~ mental  
 26 health witness:

27 (1) with whom the defendant adequately communicated,  
 28 participated, and cooperated; and

29 (2) whose opinion is based upon examinations of the defendant;  
 30 unless the defendant shows by a preponderance of the evidence that the  
 31 defendant's failure to communicate, participate, or cooperate with the  
 32 ~~medical~~ mental health witnesses appointed by the court was caused by  
 33 the defendant's mental illness.

34 (d) (e) The ~~medical~~ mental health witnesses appointed by the court  
 35 may be cross-examined by both the prosecution and the defense, and  
 36 each side may introduce evidence in rebuttal to the testimony of ~~such~~  
 37 a ~~medical~~ mental health witness.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 88, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

(Reference is to SB 88 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

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Report of the President  
Pro Tempore

Madam President: Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b), I hereby report that Senate Bill 88, currently assigned to the Committee on Judiciary, be reassigned to the Committee on Public Policy.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 88, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 14, delete "." and insert "  
**who have expertise in determining insanity.**"

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 88 as printed January 15, 2014.)

ALTING, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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